

HARASSMENT OF ILLINOIS PANTHERS

On June 4, Wednesday at 5:15 a.m., FBI agents, aided by local pigs, vamped on the Illinois Chapter Office of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY. By 5:15, when the brothers realized what was happening, there were about 30 pigs on the roof of the office and next door. The officer of the day was informed that the pigs were on the phone. One brother, Allen Bruce Dixon, broke down the door where the guns were kept and he and two others started loading them up. Pigs were outside with a bullhorn telling them they had 60 seconds that they (pigs) would start using tear gas. The two sisters that were in the office started getting rags and gas masks ready. The pigs had an area of 2 miles barricaded off from people and cars.

The Officer of the Day then realized that the streets and roof were infested with pigs and ordered all out of the building. While brother Larry was coming out of the office a pig tried to come in and he kicked the door closed. The Officer of the Day realized that two brothers were still in the building. He got a bullhorn and ordered them out. Before the eight were taken away they saw about 15 FBI agents entering the building. FBI agents ransacked the Westside office. They confiscated seven rifles, two shotguns, boxes of ammunition, destroyed a mimeograph machine, and confiscated four typewriters. Also taken was \$3,000 in cash and checks. The majority of the money was for the free medical clinic and the political prisoner defense fund. Over 5,000 essays of Huey, several hundred petitions to free Fred, red books, and other educational supplies were taken. Records were confiscated. The walls of the office were stripped of pictures and posters, desk drawers were taken out of the office. Propaganda that was to go out that morning was also taken. Paint (black) and cereal was thrown all over the second floor. Food for BFC was ripped open and scattered throughout the building. The pigs, who were heavily armed with machine guns, shotguns, bullet-proof vests, hand weapons of all calibers, and a helicopter, took the following people into custody:

1. Patrick Keen, charged with harboring a fugitive -- \$4,000 bond, 3-5 years, released on recognizance bond.
 2. Bruce Allen Dixon (education cadre) charged with harboring a fugitive, released on \$4,000 bond, recognizance.
 3. Larry Roberson (security) was charged the same as above; released on recognizance.
 4. Andrea Graves (registered nurse/health cadre) charged with harboring a fugitive, \$3,000 bond; released same as above.
 5. Georgia Washington (secretary/ distribution) charged same as Andrea.
 6. Harvey Holt (security); same charge, released on recognizance.
 7. Jessie Ward (education cadre) same charge, released on signature.
 8. Lockett Bibbs (section leader) same charge, released on.
- The FBI claims they were looking for George Sam Jr. No such person was found in the building. The pigs never told the eight inside what they wanted; they just shouted for all to come out before they lobbed tear gas in. No warrant was ever presented. Community residents estimated that more than 500 pigs cordoned off a 5 square block (2 mile) area. Everyone goes to court on June 20th, U.S. Commissioner, Federal Building.
- On June 10, 1969, Tuesday; sixteen major indictments were levied on 16 Illinois Panthers by the Cook County Grand Jury. Edward V. Hanrahan immediately had arrest warrants issued for the sixteen. They are:
1. Frederick Allen Hampton-Deputy Chairman of the Illinois Chapter of the BPP; charged with aggravated kidnapping; bond standing \$100,000. Chairman Fred is being held at Menard Prison, sentenced from 2-5 years on an ice cream robbery. He has not been brought to bond reduction court as of yet.
 2. William N. O'Neal-rank and file member picked up the same day. Charged with kidnapping and unlawful use of weapons.
 3. Richard Powel, picked up the same day, charged with conspiracy to kidnap.
 4. James White, charged with kidnapping, illegal use of weapons.

5. David Valentine, charged with conspiracy to kidnap, illegal use of weapons.

Also, 10 people are being sought by the pigs, mostly for the crimes of kidnapping and illegal possession of weapons.

We see the indictments as a calculated move to destroy the leadership of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party. After the imprisonment of Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton failed to stop the programs of the Party, pig states attorney Edward V. (Vulture) Hanrahan has tried everything in his power to destroy the party. Through the news media, Hammerhead Hanrahan is trying to portray the Party as a gang of criminals, dangerous to the people and not their friends as we rightfully are. We are combatting this tendency with an increase in daily propaganda and an increase in sales of newspapers. We are trying to put a newsletter together to combat the daily racism perpetuated by the city newspapers.

The Justice Department admitted to the newspaper that they are carrying out intensive investigation into the activities of the Party. Since the former gangs have turned into political groups threatening the home rule of Daley's and the government political structure, the Grand Jury has been working day and night to frame all political groups and individual revolutionaries. The Grand Jury is conducting investigations into the former gang's activities and into the political groups that are putting together programs to aid the communities. Gang warfare has been brought to a halt.

Several members of the Young Lords have been indicted, including chairman Cha-Cha Jimenez who has gone into hiding. The pigs are trying everything to co-opt the members. It isn't working. They want no part of the power structure.

Deputy Chairman Fred was moved from Statesville to Menard Prison. They moved him on June 3rd without notifying his attorneys or his family. They are trying to keep him from the people and the party. No appeal bond has been issued. He was never brought to court to have the bond lowered.

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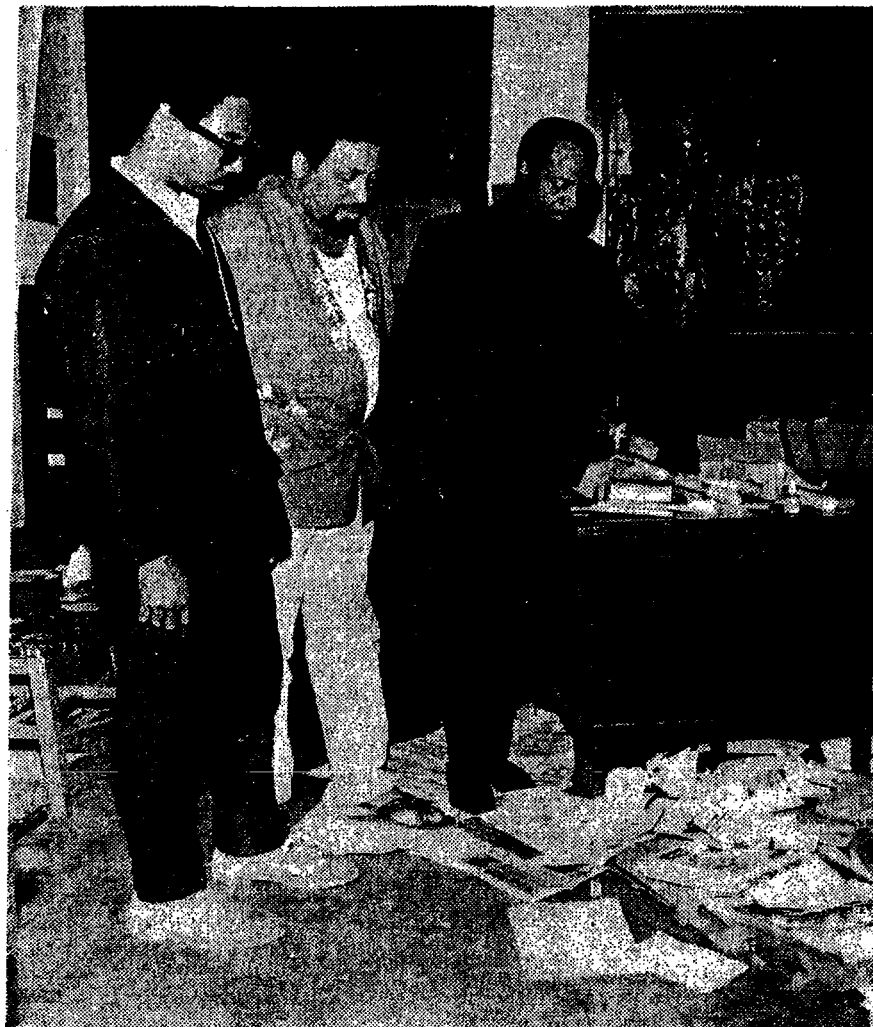
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Agents Leave Their Scar

Bobby Rush, (left), Deputy Minister of Defense for the Illinois Black Panther Party and Russ Meek, chairman of the Black Impeachment Committee (center) look down at debris on floor of Panther office, 2350 W. Madison, after FBI agents broke in and arrested six persons. Un-

identified man (right) shows Daily Defender photographer door that agents broke through to get into Panther headquarters (Daily Defender photos by Ted Bell).